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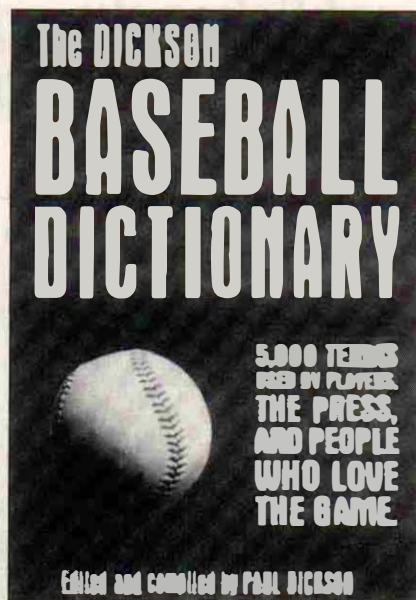
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The Dickson Dictionary of Baseball is a comprehensive resource on the national pastime, p. 66

theories, context notes, external uses of the term, and its "earliest" appearance. Patrick Ercolano's *Fungoes, Floaters, and Forkballs* (Prentice Hall, 1987), an effective glossary, provides 1500 basic terms, but doesn't approach Dickson's detailed descriptions and depth of coverage: team histories, field names, archaic and obsolete language, fan jargon, and dugout slang. A wide-ranging bibliography (240 books and articles) on baseball terminology, and baseball and language in general, guides users to more in-depth exploration. Although as current as the 1988 season's "balkamania," future editions to this excellent collection are planned. This work will be accessible to the young fan just discovering the game, as well as to scholars of the game and our versatile and ever-expanding language.—Robert Aken, *Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington*

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Dickson's dictionary does far more than define the terms and phrases of the game; many of his 5000 definitions provide etymological descriptions and contending